

## MILPERSMAN 1306-974

### RIVERINE FORCE

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<b>References</b>	(a) 18 U.S.C. § 922 (b) OPNAVINST 6110.1H
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1. **Purpose.** To issue qualification requirements and assignment policy for Sailors ordered to duty in connection with the Navy's Riverine Force.

2. **Program Background.** The Navy's Riverine Force is responsible for Riverine security operations to include board and search operations, and Riverine patrol operations. Riverine Force units are designed to do the following:

a.	Insert/extract forces
b.	Conduct fire support
c.	Perform maritime security missions
d.	Collect tactical intelligence
e.	Command and control waterways

3. **Riverine Force Duties include the following:**

a.	River patrols
b.	Transporting troops
c.	Controlling entry/exit access points to restricted areas
d.	Setting defensive perimeters
e.	Enforcing general and special orders and regulations applicable to the area of operations
f.	Performing convoy operations
g.	Defending against intrusion by hostile elements

4. **Firearms**. Sailors must achieve and maintain qualifications on various individual and crew-served weapons/weapon systems. The 1996 Lautenberg Amendment to the Gun Control Act of 1968 (reference (a)) prohibits access to firearms by persons convicted of any misdemeanor crime of domestic violence. This policy also applies to convictions of felony crimes and convictions of offenses at general or special court-martials that otherwise meet the definition of "crime of domestic violence."

5. **Boat Operations**. Duty will require high-tempo boat operations on high-speed patrol craft.

6. **Tour Length**. Tour length for YN, EO, LS, PS and CE ratings will be the prescribed sea tour or a minimum of 36 months, whichever is longer. All other ratings assigned to Riverine Squadrons will be assigned a 60 month sea tour.

7. **Requirements/Qualifications**. Applies to officer and enlisted members.

a. **Eligible Ratings**. The following ratings are source ratings eligible for assignment:

AO	Aviation Ordnanceman
BM	Boatswain's Mate
BU	Builder
CE	Construction Electrician
CM	Construction Mechanic
CS	Culinary Specialist
DC	Damage Controlman
EM	Electrician's Mate
EN	Engineman
EO	Equipment Operator
ET	Electronics Technician
GM	Gunner's Mate
HM	Hospital Corpsman
HT	Hull Maintenance Technician
IS	Intelligence Specialist
IT	Information Systems Technician
MA	Master-at-Arms
MM	Machinist's Mate
OS	Operations Specialist
PS	Personnel Specialist
QM	Quartermaster
LS	Logistics Specialist
YN	Yeoman

b. **Minimum Requirements.** Prospective members of the Riverine Force shall meet the following requirements:

(1) **Combat Authorization.** Riverine Squadrons may be engaged in direct combat operations. Females shall not be assigned to Riverine Squadrons, but may be assigned to billets with the Riverine Group staff.

(2) **Citizenship.** Must be a U.S. citizen. This requirement shall not be waived.

(3) **Physical Standards**

(a) Members must have passed their most recent three Physical Fitness Assessments (PFAs) preceding assignment to the Riverine Force per standards promulgated in reference (b), with no waivers in any event. This requirement shall not be waived. If Sailors are being released from a period of limited duty, they must complete and pass a PFA with no waivers in any events. Additionally, Sailors must have passed the most recent three PFAs prior to assignment to limited duty status.

(b) Riverine mission requirements are arduous and will require members to operate in austere environments while wearing heavy body armor for long periods of time. Sailors must not have any physical condition that would preclude them from meeting this requirement, such as chronic back and shoulder problems, knee problems, etc. This list is not to be considered all inclusive and in questionable cases, contact the Riverine Group ONE Medical Officer for final eligibility determination. Forward waiver requests to:

**Commander, Riverine Group ONE**  
**PLAD: COMRIVGRU ONE**

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(c) Riverine Forces commonly operate at night, or in lowlight conditions, and require normal color vision to correctly distinguish running lights and navigational aids; therefore, color blindness and night blindness are disqualifying medical conditions for Riverine duty. This requirement shall not be waived.

(d) Waivers for existing medical conditions may be requested utilizing the message format contained in Exhibit 3 of MILPERSMAN 1306-900. Forward waiver request to Commander, Riverine Group ONE. Request must contain full justification and rationale for waiver consideration.

(e) Any member disqualified from handling or training on weapons is not eligible for Riverine Force duty.

(f) All members shall qualify as a Second Class Swimmer prior to permanent change of station (PCS) orders being issued. This requirement shall not be waived.

(4) **Security Clearance.** All members must currently hold or be in the process of being granted a Secret clearance. It is recognized that the majority of first term members reporting from initial schools will not have a finalized clearance determination. It is incumbent on the training command in these cases to ascertain any issues that would preclude a member from being granted a clearance and make a local commanding officer's determination as to whether the Sailor should continue to the Riverine Force. Members currently assigned to the Riverine Force that have their Secret clearance removed or revoked by Department of the Navy, Central Adjudication Facility (DONCAF), or other appropriate authority, are no longer eligible for Riverine duty and will be de-screened and transferred. This requirement shall not be waived.

(5) **Driver's License.** Must possess a valid state driver's license. This requirement shall not be waived.

8. **Screening.** Satisfactorily complete assignment to special programs screening per MILPERSMAN 1306-900 and operational duty screening per MILPERSMAN 1300-800.

a. **Alcohol.** Must not have had any alcohol-related incidents within the past 36 months. Waivers may be requested on a case-by-case basis. Forward waiver requests to Commander, Riverine Group ONE utilizing message format contained in MILPERSMAN 1306-900, Exhibit 3. Waiver requests must contain full justification and rationale for waiver consideration.

b. **Non-Judicial Punishment (NJP)/Civilian Convictions.** Must not have had any NJP or civilian convictions, excluding minor traffic violations, within the past 36 months. Waivers may be requested on a case-by-case basis. Forward waiver

requests to Commander, Riverine Group ONE utilizing message format contained in MILPERSMAN 1306-900, Exhibit 3. Waiver requests must contain full justification and rationale for waiver consideration.

c. **Screening Documentation.** Complete sections A, B, C, D2, D3, and D4 of NAVPERS 1306/92 (Rev. 12-03), Special Program Screening Form, Exhibit 1 of **MILPERSMAN 1306-900**.

d. **Obligated Service (OBLISERV).** Required OBLISERV for this program is 36 months.

e. **Financial.** All members must qualify for and maintain eligibility for a Government Travel Card (GTC). Loss of eligibility for a GTC will result in disqualification and transfer from the Riverine Force.